

TILFENBACHER, Joseph
[TILFENBACHER, fnu] ①

CER-30
June 30, 1961

EGYPT

Formerly a Standartenführer, member of Abwehr and SD.
Leading member of SS staff said to be presently operating
in Egypt; without official character, said to be connected with ex-Mufti. Subj and Dr. VOSS
(qv) head of military - technical advisory groups said to maintain close relations with
SS members now in Egypt. Name given from JLE 1148811111

MGP-54; 9 Jun@ 52; 3-3

German Counselor says VOSS' office will now be made up only
of Subj, who has been VOSS' assistant, and 4 Czechs from ex-Skoda.
No one knows their function.

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Subject is private secretary to Wilhelm VOSS (qv).
Former ceremonial chamberlain to Hitler, subj is frequent
visitor to Grand Mufti whom he knew during war in Germany.

IN 31780
C T 071
29 Aug 52

Aide-de-camp of German ex-General Wilhelm FANFENBACHER (qv).

NEC-12; C
10 Oct 52

Ultimate source: Asst French MilAtt.

Source had thought subj assigned MinWar and Marine; ultimate
source says subj has been appointed advisor to Egyptian Police Force.
(foot note says subj formerly important person in SS organisation, Berlin.)

R-330-52; 22 Oct 52

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51 years old. W. German Republic citizen.
Wife, Ellen, age 40; three sons: 14, 10, 8. Entire family
in Egypt.

NEAA-48; 19 Feb 53
C = F-3

One of earliest members of NSDAP, held party identity card under 20. Ceremonial
chamberlain to Adolph Hitler until April 1945. Post 75 day, tried and given
life sentence as war criminal. Released - for undisclosed reasons - 1951, six
months prior to departure from Egypt.

Secretary to VOSS; worked with him during recruitment about 80 Czech and German
military, technical experts now in Egypt. Said to be influential with VOSS, other
advisors, and to be violently anti-communist.

Knew Hajj Amin al-HUSAYNI, ex-Grand Mufti, when latter was refugee in Germany,
during the war. Has photo of Mufti, HITLER, himself of which he is very proud.
Visited al-HUSAYNI numerous times in Cairo.

Worked evenings at German Emb, Cairo, and he is said to be more influential
with his government and Egyptian government than PANSKY. VOSS seeking dip status
for self and subject.

side-de-camp of General FAHRMBACHER (qv). Ex-German army officer now attached to Egyptian army.

RECA-2227; 26 Sept 52
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Secretary to Wilhelm VOSS, subj has expressed personal deep disapproval of the recent declaration by Gamal ABD-al-NASR that guerilla warfare against the British in the Canal Zone might be resumed. Says German advisors will have nothing to do with guerillas fighting the British.

NEA-41; 24 I 53
F-3; []

German advisors to NAJI government complain that Ambassador PAWELKE is inefficient and stupid; subj and VOSS, for whom he works are said to do most of the important work at the German Embassy, where subj particularly works in the evenings. VOSS is in Bonn, and one of the reasons for his trip is said to be to try to obtain dip status for subj and himself.

NEA-40; []
24 Jan 53; F-3

Report of conversation with Josef Sepp TIEFENBACHER in which he commented that Egyptians are unhappy about not only indemnity treaty with Israel in which Germans are engaging, but also because they feel Germans lack understanding of Egypt army wishes and needs.

NECA 358
21 March 53
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Subj has as his responsibility, in capacity of assistant and private secretary to VOSS, the two lists of German Advisory Group in Egypt: List 1, used for official purposes in Egypt; List 2, giving more detailed background information and is used by VOSS only. Both lists treated by subj as very confidential documents.

NEAA-76
29 April 53
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List 1. is part of this dispatch, (qv).

Subj listed as member of Central Planning Board of the "Dr. VOSS Group" (see VOSS) of advisors to EgyptMin War and Marine.

address: 4 Sultan Salim, Heliopolis.

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former s.s. Standartenfuhrer/ Secretary to Dr. VOSS;
resides 4 Sh Sultan Selim, Heliopolis.

CSDB-5925; 4 June 53
info: 1 Jan - 6 v 53
CONTROL; TOP SECRET

About 3 Jan 'ABD-al-NASR asked subj, and FAHNBACHER (subj
listed here, possibly in error as latter's assistant)
for advice on methods for organising volunteer shock troops
to carry out surprise action against British in Canal Zone.

NEC-81 [] 642,
IN 28100)
PD 999; SO 105438*

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former SS Colonel, about 45 years old. Has been in
Egypt since 1951. Three sons - 8, 11, 13 - who probably
are still at English Mission School, Cairo, or were from late 51 to Dec 52.
School fees for them are paid by the Egyptian Government. Monthly salary of subj
is approximately LE 150.; owns private car.

JX 5084; Aug 53

Colonel TIEFENBACHER is adjutant to Special Advisor to
the Minister of War (advisor is VOSS).

USAirAtt Cairo
IR 22 54; 29 Jan 54

Subject and 4 other advisors gave party 9 June to mark
their departure. In writer's opinion, Eg. Govt. felt
TIEFENBACHER was not earning his salary, and with VOSS's
acquiescence, his contract was not renewed.

US MilAtt, Cairo
R 170 54

22 June 54

Subj, now departed Egypt, specifically mentioned by Gerhard MERT-
INS, as a student of Peter KUBAINSKY (qv) at the FAX language school
in Cairo.

R-183-54; 23 June 54
OARMA Cairo

Amatt from Counsellor of German Embassy von MINDACH:
list names members German Mission from their passports; subj's
name included as Sepp TIEFENBACHEN.

R-156-53; 20 iv 53

Sistine received info. of referenced report from Karl Meine of
the Trading Company "Ipotece Orient" who, in turn, received
info. from Subject. (Info. stated that Ernst Otto Franz
Zolling currently is giving instruction to Egyptian staff
and troop officers in "Abwehr II activity".)

LEC-229; 27 July 53
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Central Planning Board of German Advisory Group employed by the
Eg. Ministry of War & Marine shortly is to be abolished, and there
is reason to believe that Germans no longer are to be employed as
experts. Relations are cool between the Eg. liaison officer
(unnamed by Source) and Subject, who is asst. to Wilhelm VOSS,
Chief of the Planning Board. Subject has stated that it is not
likely that contracts will be extended to more than 5 German
officers. Thus, by April 1958, the services of the German
Advisory Group in Egypt would be ended. (Source Comment: Reason
for proposed limitation of employment of foreign experts is said
to be lack of funds. However, several German experts believe that
an agreement between British & Egyptians will be reached and that
German advisers will be replaced by British experts.

NEA-135; 15 Sept. 53
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(Ref.: NEAA-76.)

Industrial Mobilization Committee
which includes subj (or possibly
only in his capacity as adjutant
to VOSS who is a member - carder's note)
visited Alexandria to survey private
industrial potential for war mobilization; photo taken as
Committee inspected harbor.

NEA 175; C]
19 Jan to 10 Feb 54

More than 30 German experts, including subj, dismissed
after GOR undertook extensive investigation German advisers,
found evidence of espionage work by some, financial manipulations
by others. (see German Advisory Group).

C] 230 (IN 17750)
NEA 226; 14 June 54
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C] 906; IN 19999
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